# **TANGERINE DECEMBER** 2024 Issue 390

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Get your cart decorated for the traditional Golf Cart parade on December 22!

# **Tangerine Woods Celebrates Together**

Barbara Coulter

December is filled with amazing opportunities for our community! We are so fortunate to have community in TW that is like family. Remember that the gift of kindness can change the recipient's day. We challenge you to make December a month filled with <u>Random Acts of Kindness</u>. Thanks to LeeAnn Magner for this contribution which begins the holiday season with a reminder about what people would really like to receive from each of us.



The TOPICS Team asked residents to share their fun, lighthearted '**Dear Santa**' wishes....page 6

# What do I want for Christmas? LeeAnn Magner

At a recent Saturday coffee, the editorial staff of Topics asked for a Christmas wish. It brought to mind a constant wish, a wish for world peace. My son and I had a fun conversation about this idea and since that idea seems to be a non-starter, we focused on the many deserving charities attempting to help those less fortunate. The smallest gifts are appreciated.

It immediately brought to mind an important reminder for the holiday season. If you don't have the resources to give gifts, the gift of time is the most valuable gift that we can give or receive! If you don't have the resources to support charities or give gifts, then offer your time. Think about it, each of us has a limited supply of that valuable commodity and none of us knows how much we will be given. Spend it wisely and share it with friends and family. You will create memories and give joy to those who are gifted with your presence. Give a Merry Christmas to someone and receive more than you give in love and happiness in return.

## We want your input!

Do you havé an article or photo you'd like to submit? Our deadline is the 15th of <u>each</u> month. Email your submissions to Barbara at **beejcoulter@gmail.com** and in subject line type: For **(month) TOPICS.** 

# **TW TOPICS TEAM**

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# **DECEMBER - WHAT'S INSIDE**

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# **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**



# Colleen's Corner

Colleen Walker, TWERC President

Join us for the plethora of holiday festivities that we have planned!

Tangerine Woods is bustling with excitement and holiday cheer! We have a wonderful lineup of events this December that promises to bring joy and togetherness to our community. Mark your calendars and join us for these special celebrations: make sure to read the details for each event throughout this month's TOPICS.

To begin the month we will decorate the clubhouse and boulevard on the 2nd – volunteers are needed to help. The following week we will host a **Christmas Dinner Dance** on the 8th of December with music provided by Taylor & Taylor. Throughout the month our Bingo and Tangerine Woods **Adopt a Family** will partner for fundraising. Don't forget to sign-up for shopping on the 17th and join us for the wrapping party on the 18th. We'll host our **Eighth Annual Cookie Exchange** on the 20th: start planning to bake up your favorite holiday treat and bring enough to exchange for a lovely holiday assortment for the remainder of your holiday season. The **Christmas Golf Cart Parade** will be another highlight of December festivities – it's scheduled for December 22nd: get ready to deck the halls on wheels. Our community goes all out with cart decorations so you should start planning and prepping your decorations for your cart now – listen for updates on this event during Saturday coffee. All are invited for the **Christmas Day Buffet** on the 25th of December. We'll finish off the month by **ringing in the New Year** on the 31st of December with DJ Hale.

Each of these events promises a fun way for our community to celebrate throughout December. Be sure to RSVP for events where required, and let's make this holiday season truly memorable!

Make sure you schedule our Saturday Morning coffee meetings at the club house, 8 a.m. for socializing and our meeting starts at 9 a.m. Where else can you get a coffee and donut for \$1.00? We can always use teams to host Coffee, check our sign-up sheets in the lobby for weekends that are available.

It's going to be a fun month in TW - we hope that all will take advantage of the many opportunities that TWERC has planned!



Please bring your dish to pass, place settings, and a ticket along with Holiday fun and laughter. Musical entertainment will be provided by Barb & Pete Weatherhead.

For additional info contact: Colleen Walker or Celia Connolly.



**CHRISTMAS** DINNER DANCE Pat Gottshall



Join us for the Tangerine Woods Annual Christmas Dinner Dance Sunday, the 8th of December 5:00 to 9:30 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:15 with dancing and music provided by "Taylor and Taylor" from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

Entrée choices are either Chicken Marsala or Beef Burgundy, accompanied by a garden tossed salad, parslied red potatoes, Normandy mixed vegetables, rolls, and a Crème de Menthe sundae for dessert.

Ticket prices are \$35 per person. Groups of 8-10 per table work best. Gather up your friends to reserve a table...they do go very fast. Dress Code is your choice...fancy or casual.

Questions? Please contact Pat and Barry Gottshall 703-346-1173 Kathy and John Fliess 262-237-0215

## **NAME TAGS**

A reminder from Shirley OKelly

Part of the charm of TW is getting to know our neighbors when we attend activities, but it's hard to remember everyone's name so we wear name tags. Residents are encouraged to order your TW name badge! Each one is **\$10**.

Please contact - Shirley OKelly at 435-260-9035

# LUMINARIES 2024

**Beate DuMouchel** 

Christmas is fast approaching and we are preparing to line our streets with glowing luminaries on Christmas Eve. Our volunteer sales team should have wrapped up orders already. If you are new to the community of haven't been contacted, please contact me.

We need a couple of people to pick up luminaries in the common areas on Christmas morning Please just come on out and help.

Do you have questions? Please call Beate at 860-716-8570 or email bdumouchel10@gmail.com

# **2025 TWERC ELECTION**

Marcia Kiestlinger

The 2025 TWERC Election day is January 11, 2025 starting at 8:00am in the card room. please know your lot number for check in.

The sign up sheet for positions that are available (vice president, secretary, and two director positions) will be posted December 1, 2024 on the bulletin board outside Angie's office and taken down December 31, 2024. Please consider running for an office!

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Marcia at 603-505 6422.

# **EUCHRE**

Patti Brzezinski

Thursday night Euchre will begin December 5 in the card room and promptly at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$.50 each player; please bring correct change. Again, we start at 6:30, quit at 8:30 and can be home and in bed by 9:00 Call Patti at 231-633-0730 if you have questions.

#### BOCCE Art Napolitan

hello



Mark your 2025 calendar. The 2025 Bocce Schedules will be completed after December 16, 2024, which is the last day to submit your name/team for the 2025 season. If you want to sign up please email your name and day you prefer to Art Napolitan aanapolitan@comcast.net. Schedules will be available before the holidays

Our ten (10) week Bocce season will begin on the 7th of January for Tuesday players, the 8th for Wednesday players, the 9th for Thursday players, and the 10th for Friday players. We play for ten weeks followed by our Championship series. We begin at 9:00 a.m. each league day. Remember the January weather may be cool in the morning. After each game, make sure to complete the score sheet and place it in the wall container in the Equipment room.

Practice good sportsmanship and follow the golden rule making the 2025 season one of our best.

# ADOPT A FAMILY 2024 🛍 Robin Mikota

ADOPT A FAMILY is still accepting donations. If you are playing Bingo this month we are partnering for fundraising. We are also beginning to sign-up TW residents to shop for our adopted families.

Please join us on **Tuesday, the** 17th of December: We will meet at the clubhouse parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to the Venice Target. Shopping will take about one hour. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse.

We also need oodles of volunteers to wrap up our purchases and prepare the gifts for distribution by the team from Sarasota Sheriff's Department. Wrapping will take place on

## Wednesday, the 18th of

December at 9:00 a.am. in the clubhouse. Please bring scissors and tape. All other wrapping supplies will be provided by the Sarasota Sheriff's Department. No sign-up is necessary.

Get yourself into the spirit of the holidays for the Englewood children in need.. If you have any questions, please call Robin Mikota 815-922-3389.

## **ARTS & CRAFTS**

**Kimberley Choma** 



Tuesday Arts & Crafts Group begins Dec 3 from 10-12. **Upcoming Class:** Every Tuesday before Christmas: Note card size watercolors, which can be used for holiday cards, just needs an envelope. We will be experimenting with some very simple fun watercolor techniques, no experience 🔱 is necessary.

If you want to join for any or all Tuesdays of this three week class, the cost is \$5 per person and all materials are included. If you have any questions, please call Kimberley at 248-672-2294.



#### TENNIS

Barb Weatherhead

TW tennis Fall matches have begun, with Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles . Women's Doubles will start in January. At 9am on Thursday and Saturday mornings we host open/fun play and it's a good time to try out or brush up on your skills. We have extra rackets available and ball machines for anyone who wants to spend time practicing on their own or with coaching.

Doubles tennis is the perfect game for seniors, as it requires less running and also provides a great social aspect to the game. We'd love to see more players; so, if you're curious about TW Tennis, please give it a try. For information contact: Barb Weatherhead 616 - 308-0440 or email

pbweatherhead@comcast.net

# 10:00 Exercise in Clubhouse

Denise Chard

Starting in December, **Cardio and Abs** will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. **Fast Walk** will be held on Wednesday and Friday. Both of these classes last 20 minutes .

Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please call Denise Chard at 269-873-5125.

## **TIKI FRIDAY**

Mike and Charlene Gineo

Are to ready to party on a Friday? Mark your calendar for **Friday, the 24th of January** from 2 - 6 p.m. - we'll be partying by the pool and lanai! You can relax, eat good food, dance to our great Sunshine Band, and socialize with your neighbors. Ticket pricing will be announced in the January TOPICS. Don't forget to bring extra money for 50/50 and BYOB!

#### DOMINOES

Marcia Napolitan



Dominoes has started: we meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. It is an easy enjoyable game and we would love to have you join us!

# **DAY AWAY - A FIELD TRIP FOR ADULTS**

Denise Chard

Have you wanted to explore entertainment option in our area but don't want to go alone? We are planning to host one **Day Away** event in each month of the 2025 season:

January, February, and March. We are presently working out all the details. Please look for sign-up sheets in our bulletin board area in front of the clubhouse. We will also be selling tickets at coffee in the near future. We hope you will join us!

If you have any questions please call Denise Chard at 269-873-5125.

#### **QUILTING** Pat Molt

#### **CALLING ALL QUILTERS!**

The TW Quilt Club meets in the clubhouse great room on Fridays at 10:30am. Members work on their own projects, the annual raffle quilt, as well as charity quilts for Linus Project. Near the end of each season, we share our work with the whole community via the annual Quilt Show and Raffle.

Regardless of your experience level, we love new members! Just show up any Friday and come see what we're all about.

#### **COOKIE WALK** Melissa Cherry



Join us for the Eighth Annual **Holiday Cookie Exchange** Friday, December 20, noon to 3

It's the time of year for a little cheer We will have some wine and sóme bits to dine

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Cuz we will all bring some spare Others may bring breads go right ahead

Cuz we will all trade the goodies we have made.

Please come and share til the plates are bare As the recipe may be from

someone's heir HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Tickets are \$4 each: they will be sold at coffee on December 7 & 14: please contact Melissa Cherry at 815-592-2044 if you have any questions.



#### MEMOIRS Celia Connolly



TW has a group that meets to share stories and writings each Tuesday at 10 am in the Cardroom. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday the 3rd of December at 10 am. Please call Celia at 941-474-2929 if you have any questions.

#### **PICKLEBALL** Dan Kiestlinger

LET THE FUN BEGIN!



The "pong sounds" of pickleball can be heard once again as we return to the

hallowed grounds of Tangerine Woods. The courts are filling up with players who haven't lost a step, to others looking to remove the rust of limited play during the summer. If you are new to TW and looking for an activity to try, come over to the courts during our scheduled time. We play Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the season 8:30-10:30 a.m. If you are new to Pickleball there are always players willing to help you learn the game. We have spare paddles all you need are court sneakers and a positive attitude. Be prepared to get your daily exercise while having FUN and meeting your fellow residents. Join our TW Pickleball Facebook page for more information. Any questions feel free to call me at 603-505-5441. See you on the courts - Happy Pickling!!

# LINE DANCING Kathy Fliess

Line Dancing Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. beginning the 7th of January 2025. No experience is necessary. Put on your dancing shoes & come enjoy our dancing together! Kathy Fliess 262-237-0215

Go There

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## TW Residents' GRATITUDE GATHERING - Sunday, December 1, 2pm Indian Mound Park, Englewood

Join us for our bi-annual, end-of-hurricane-season gathering held to honor the indigenous ancestors of this area, their legend, and learn how and why this tradition began at TW. We **WILL** have microphones this time and music by Roy Choma & friends.

Bring instruments, noisemakers, chairs, dogs on leashes, a friend, a neighbor, drinks, snacks, sunscreen/umbrella, any thoughts you might want to share, and an open heart. If you have questions, call or ask Lydia Molineaux at 202-546-3117.

# **COOKING CLASS**

Celia Connolly

TW hosts a cooking class in our clubhouse kitchen: these opportunities will be held in January, February, and March, information about each month's cooking class will be shared at coffee, and a sign-up sheet will be posted two weeks prior to the session. Space is limited. Please call Celia at 941-474-2929 if you have any questions.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT MOVIES**



Judy Goodrich & Pat Molt

We have set the schedule as shown below, but remain open to the possibility of some new, great movie coming out. So please check the bulletin boards and Angie's weekly email for the latest info! Movies start promptly at 6:30pm. Bring your own snacks and drinks (and a sweater or blankie if you want). Contact Pat Molt via email if you have any questions: pemolt@yahoo.com.

Dec 6 - Ordinary Angels Dec 20 - The Holdovers Jan 17 - Thelma Jan 31 - Deadpool and Wolverine Feb 14 - Longshot Mar 28 - Miracle

# SPRING ENTERTAINMENT SERIES LINEUP

Kathy & John Fliess

Entertainment passes for the upcoming season will continue to be sold at Saturday Morning Coffee or you can contact John & Kathy Fliess. Cost is \$35 for a pass which entitles you to the 3 Shows. Individual tickets can be purchased for \$20 each.

ENTERTAINMENT - Saturday, January 18 | 7:00 - 9:00 **Rich Wilson, Singer & Elliott Smith, Comedian** ENTERTAINMENT - Saturday, February 22 | 7:00 - 9:00 **Leesah Stiles, Singer & John Rathbone, Comedian** ENTERTAINMENT - Friday, March 21 | 7:00 - 9:00 **Johnny Bird, Very Energetic - Funny Singer** All entertainment events take place in the evening

## HANUKKAH MENORAH LIGHTING



You are invited to join your neighbors for the 2024 Festival of Lights. We'll gather in front of the Clubhouse at 5:15 each evening, December 25 -January 1. This is always a fun and informative part of our holiday festivities.

# LAZY DAZE/DAZIES

John Yannaci Hello friends and neighbors!

Bonnie Busch

Are you ready to join our outdoor light work crews that take care of this fine community, while saving TW residents \$\$\$ on maintenance? We always welcome new team members and we would love to have you.

Add Lazy Daze or Dazies to your plans for the New Year. Bring a pair of gloves, and join us at the RV lot blue building, 7-9 on Mondays, no sign-up is needed. Complimentary coffee and donuts follow at 9.

Until next time stay safe and be healthy! If you have any questions call John Yannaci at 518-316-6030



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# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES 6



- 1 Rod DeGraw
- 3 Glenn Jette & Les Walters
- 5 Ilona Cutsinger
- 6 Bill Frey & Nancy Rushlow Jr.
- 7 Karl Spandau
- 10 Bert Noyes
- 11 Bruce Tyroll & Cindy Kleinschmit
- 13 Bev Rayner
- 14 Judy Róberts
- 17 Dick Hamilton
- 18 Donna Riley
- 20 Bonnie Freás,, Linda Friede, James Carrey & Bonnie Busch
- 21 Don Freiburger
- 23 Roberta DeČoste
- 24 Greg Raleigh
- 25 Oscar Keuker
- 26 Angela Kellner & Tammy Young-Risher
- 27 Paul Hibbard
- 28 Cathy Furimsky, Bill Reese, &
- Happy 92nd Shirley Westenberg
- 29 Mary Maloney
- 31 Karl Mortensen & Tammy Riegsecker



30 Bob & Liz Summers 31 Tom and Sheri Welch

## Please contact the office with updates or

**corrections.** If you want your birthday and anniversary listed in Topics, stop in and talk to Judy, or email: twoffice2@gmail.com.

# Saturday Coffee

A long time Tangerine Woods TWERC sponsored tradition!



7:30 a.m. Saturdays: Get up and get ready to go! Grab your favorite coffee mug from home, \$1 for Coffee and a Doughnut, plus more money for your 50/50 Tickets, (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) - remember to save these tickets weekly for the monthly drawing. Invite a neighbor to join us - especially new residents and renters!

8 a.m.: Arrive at the Clubhouse: buy 50/50 tickets at the Clubhouse door, get your coffee, fresh doughnut, grab a seat, and enjoy an hour with friends, neighbors, and meet new people.

**9 a.m.:** Announcements & presentations, plus a bit-o'-humor from Diane. announcement, this is the time and place to share.

\*Saturday Coffee <u>volunteers are needed</u> all season! Please sign up: it's easy and fun!

\*\***Please sign up** to be a Clubhouse Unlocker - 7am, and/or Locker - 10pm Sign up in the lobby.



For everyone's safety, please slow down while driving in TW!

# Anorthport Poinsettia Parade - December 7 | 3 - 7 p.m. Parade @ 5 p.m. City Center Front Green, Northport Morthport The Balloon Glow & Laser Show - December 6 & 7 | 5 - 11 p.m. Event Schedule and Ticket Information Sarasota Fairgrounds 3000 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota Venice Christmas Boat Parade - Saturday, December 7 | 6 p.m. Begins at the Albee Road Bridge near Casey Key and proceeds south along the Intracoastal Waterway passing under the Venice Avenue Bridge. Monthly City [Venice] Bike Ride - Dec. 12! Bring your bicycle and a helmet, and meet in the west parking lot of City Hall, 401 W. Venice Ave., at 10 a.m. RSVP by emailing Darlene at deculpepper@venicefl.gov

Last month residents were given the opportunity at Coffee to tell 'Santa' a wish from their list. Here are a few...

Dear Santa ... Tw style

Dear Santa,

**M** 

I would really like to have a personal assistant to help me keep all my "ducks in a row" or a clone!

Thank you Santa! You are the best! Colleen W.



Dear Santa, I want my 20 year old body back, please! ;) TW resident

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Dear Santa,

Can you send TW a few contractors that say YES I will be there soon, and mean YES I will be there soon, and not just show up for one hour every few weeks. ;) Thanks, R.F.

Dear Santa, My wish is that at least every OTHER cast will be a CATCH! Thank you Santa, P.G.

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Dear Santa,

Please bring the TOPICS team a co-editor, someone who loves to brainstorm ideas and maybe is good with numbers and keeping us within our budget. We know our person is in TW among our TW residents, so please have them call us soon so we can share more fun details. You rock, Santa! Thanks, B.C, S.H & C.S.



Dear Santa,

Thank you for the dishwasher I asked for 20 year ago, I Love it! I know you are busy, and this is a BIG ask, but if you can help me win the Bingo HOT BALL this season it will be much appreciated, and I will buy lots of Adopt-A-family gifts that will make your job easier and increase my odds. Thank you in advance, Kara R. \*ps Please don't wait another 20 years to respond!

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Dear Santa,

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Our wish is for all of our human friends to be well and healthy, our canine friends too, and especially for our tiny doggie friend Pixie to come back soon, we miss her. Thanks, Roxy & Zoey Russell

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## Dear Santa,

I'm sorry I broke your knee while sitting on your lap last year! I've been good this year (mostly): please remove me from the naughty list! I'd like toys (not clothes) for Xmas! A new Porsche would also be GREAT! Thx! TW resident



Dear Santa, I'd like family peace, & my son to remember to be the person whom I had raised. Thank you, P. Dear Santa,

My wish is the same that I express every year, a wish for World Peace. Thank you, L.M.



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Dear Santa, My list of things I'd like for Christmas: \*a hippopotamus \*my 2 front teeth \*a partridge in a pear tree \*for grandma to recover from the reindeer \*to rock around the Christmas tree \*silver bells

- \*for mommy to stop kissing Santa Claus ;]
- \*Ultimately, all I really want for Christmas is you. Thanks, P.M & Jessie



Dear Santa, I jokingly asked for a new can opener that I did not have to swear at, maybe something a left-hander could use without agony. The very next day, a beautiful Tangerine Woods elf showed up at my house with the most wonderful gift for ME! A battery operated hand can opener that is her favorite kind, and she gives them to all of her friends. TW Spirit in action and a sweet surprise... Thank you Kathy Fliess, XO S.H

\*ps my TRUE wish is for kindness among people.



The TOPICS Team wishes you ALL a very Blessed Holiday Season! See you in '25!

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